

HOUSE RESOLUTION 3 of First Extraordinary Session

By Boyer

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Wanda Crouch Walker on being selected 1999 Tennessee Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor those outstanding citizens, who through their efforts to preserve and strengthen those institutions which are the foundation of a healthy society, stand out as role models for those who wish to preserve our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Crouch Walker of Knoxville is one such outstanding Tennessean, who, through her personal life as a parent, through her professional life, and through her pursuit of various other interests, has demonstrated the highest characteristics of American motherhood and has highlighted the institution of the family as the anchor of a strong and healthy society; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Walker approached the Parents Association for the Rights of Educating Non-Traditional Students (PARENTS) seeking help for her son, Clinton, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder, a high functioning form of Autism; and

WHEREAS, following the advice of PARENTS, through persistence and advocacy, she secured the type of help that her son needed, resulting in his completion of his high school requirements in December 1998 and his enrollment in the University of Tennessee where he is doing well; and

WHEREAS, Wanda found time to encourage the interests of her daughter who, last spring, graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Theater and Costume Design and is currently living and studying in London, England; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her association with PARENTS in her quest to find help for her son, Wanda Walker joined that organization, and was elected vice-president. She soon started a fund-raising drive for PARENTS that contributed greatly to its operating capability; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Walker works as a parole officer at the Tennessee Board of Paroles, supervising released felons and helping them to secure those services that will assist them to succeed as law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, in connection with her work, Wanda Walker is president of the Parole/Probation Women's Club, a member of the American Parole and Probation Association, the Tennessee Correctional Association, the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association, the Metropolitan Drug Commission Gang Task Force, the Tennessee State Employees Association and the East Tennessee Victims Task Force; and

WHEREAS, she contributes her time and talent to family-oriented organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Serenity Shelter for Women Involved in Domestic Violence Situations, and the Tennessee Education Association; she has volunteered her efforts for the Neighborhood Fair, Community Service for the University of Tennessee, the Knoxville Museum of Art, Harvest Food Bank and the Boy Scout Committee; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Crouch Walker has recently been elected 1999 Tennessee Mother of the Year and is the Tennessee nominee for National Mother of the Year, sponsored by American Mothers, Inc., an organization of women and men, married and single, parents and grandparents, dedicated to preserving the moral and spiritual foundations of the family in America; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Crouch Walker truly exemplifies the best traits of American motherhood and good citizenship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we congratulate Wanda Crouch Walker on being selected as the 1999
Tennessee Mother of the Year, and commend her for her inspiring and unstinting efforts on
behalf of her own and all other children and families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we unreservedly support her candidacy for National
Mother of the Year, and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.